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RESPONSE UNDER 35 USC § 121

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 and issued for restriction purposes. This Response is filed concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for response for one (1) month from April 25, 2003 to May 27, 2003 (May 25, 2003 falling on a Sunday and May 26, 2003 falling on a designated holiday at the US Patent and Trademark Office). Please enter the following elections.

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ELECTION

Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims of Group 1, i.e., claims 1, 32, 33, 35-37, 39, and 44 drawn to an isolated nucleic acid of the KLK gene, a vector comprising said nucleic acid, a host cell comprising said nucleic acid, a method of preparing a protein by culturing the host cell transformed with said vector and a composition comprising said nucleic acid.

Applicant further elects without traverse the nucleic sequence of the KLK-L2 nucleic acid molecule, i.e., SEQ ID NO: 13, and amino acid sequences encoded by the KLK-L2 nucleic acid molecule, e.g., SEQ ID NO: 14.